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Easie entraunce into the chiefe *poynts of Christian Religion:*

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A Newyears-gifte; very necessary both for them and all other to knowe, that would be Christians in deed.

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Heare, O Israel, the Lorde our God is Deut.6.4.6.7
God onely: and these words which I command thee this day shalbe in thine heart, and thou shalt rehearse them continually to thy children, & shalt talke of thē when thou tariest in thy house, and as thou walkest by the way, and when thou lyest downe, and when thou risest vp.

When as concerning the time, ye ought Heb.5.12.
to be teachers, yet haue ye need that we teach you the first principles of the worde of God: and are become such as haue need of milke, and not of strong meat.

Come ye children, hearken vnto me, I Psal.34.11.
will teach you the feare of the Lord.

Question.

WHat Religion doe you professe?

Answere

The Christian Religion. Act. 11.61

Queſtion

What chiefe poynts or grounds of Chriſtian Religion ought you to knowe, that you may liue and dye bleſſedly.

Anſwere

Seuen poynts eſpecially, as firſt my ſinne: then my miſery which my ſinne bringeth: thirdly, my deliuerance from my ſinne and miſery: fourthly, the inſtrument whereby I take holde of my deliuerance: fifthly, the inward ſeale and pledge of my deliuerance: ſixthly, the outward meanes whereby the Lord doth aſſure me of my deliuerance: Seuenthly, what duties I owe vnto my Lorde God for my deliuerance.

Queſtion

What ſay you concerning your ſinne?

Anſwere

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Question

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Answere

By the fall of Adam. Gen.3.6.17. & 5.3. Rom.5.12.18 19.

Question

What saye you concerning your miserie?

Answere.

I acknowledge that for my sinnes sake, I haue deserued Gods curse and fierce wrath, to cast my soule and body into hell fire: and his Iustice roreth vpon me as a Lion, readie to plucke me away as a pray to death, hell, and Sathan, to whome I am inthralled. Gen.3.17. Deut.27.26. Gal.3.10. Mat.25.41. Psal.130.3. Exod.23.7. Rom.6.23.

Question.

How come you by the knowledg of your sinne and miserie?

Answere.

By the lawe of the ten commaundements, which teacheth me what I am bound to doe: bringeth me to the feeling of my sinnes: and sheweth me the reward due for the same. Rom.3.20. Leuit.18.5. Rom.7.7.8. Rom.6.23. Gal.3.10.

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Answere

Gal.3.13.& 4.4 5. Rom.5.8.9 10. 1.Cor.15.5.4 55.56.57. 2.Cor.5.21 Rom.4.25. 1.Cor.1.30.

I acknowledge that Iesus Christ God and manne, did vndertake the curse, pacified Gods wrath, and satisfied his Iustice, and so deliuered me from the thraldome of sin, death, hell, and Satan, and restored me againe vnto life and righteousnes.

Question

How come you by the knowledge of your deliuerance from sinne and miserie?

Answere

Gen.3.15. Mar.1.14.15 Iohn.1.17. Act.13.38. Iohn.3.15.

By the Gospell, which promiseth me, that God will be mercifull to forgiue me offending the Lawe, if I b[illegible] sorye therefore, and take holde [illegible] Christ.

Question

What say you concerning the Instrument, whereby you take holde of Christ your deliuerer?

Answere

It is faith, the hande of my ſoule wherewith I drawe vnto me all good things offred and promiſed in Chriſt. Iohn.6.40.

Queſtion

But how doe you know that you haue faith? for all can ſay, they haue faith, and doe beleeue?

Anſwere

By the fruites of faith, as loue to the Lorde and his worde, and charitie to my neighbour, obedience to his commaundements, and repentaunce from dead workes. Mat.7.16. 1.Iohn.5.1. 2.3 1.Iohn.2.10 Rom.8.1.

Queſtion

What ſay you concerning the inward ſeale and pledge, whereby the Lorde doth aſſure you of your deliuerance?

Anſwere

The ſeale and pledge of my deliuerance is the holy Ghoſt, who firſt wrought faith in my heart by the preaching of the Goſpell, and nowe certifieth my ſpirite and aſſureth my conſcience that by faith in Chriſt I am deliuered from the thraldome of ſinne, hell, and Satan, and made the Ephes.1.13. Act.16.14. Rom.8.16.17 Gal.2.20.

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Question

And how know you that you hau
the holy Ghost working in yo
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Answere

Rom.7.23. Rom 5.1.2 Col.3.1.9.10. Gen.17.1.9 Rom.6.3. Iohn,13. 14. &c.

By altering my nature to hate si
which I haue loued, and to lou
righteousnesse which I haue hate
and by conforming my life to the I
mage of the life of Christ.

Question

VVhat saye you concerning th
outward meanes, and helpes whe
with the holy Ghost doth teach
confirme, and assure you of you
deliueraunce?

Answere

Rom.10.17. Act.2.37. 1.Cor.4 15 Mat.26.26. & 28,29. Mat.6.6.

The outwarde helpes whereby
am assured of my deliueraunce are, th
word, sacramentes, and prayer.

Question

What doth the Lord teach you i
the worde concerning your deliu
raunce?

Answere

Th

That all the promises of Gods mercy towardes me for the forgiuenes of my sinnes and saluation resteth onely in Christ Iesu, taken hold on by faith Iohn.3.14. 1.Iohn.4.9. 10.

Question

What doth the holy Ghost confirme and seale vp to you by the Sacrament of baptisme?

Answere

The forgiuenesse of my sinnes and regeneration: for as the water washeth away the filthinesse of the bodye done by the hande of the Minister, euen so the holy Ghost hath by the bloude of Christ sprinkeled vpon my soule by the hande of faith, washed away my sins and the punishment therof: whereby I am incorporate into his body, and made partaker of his benefites to die vnto sinne, and liue vnto Righteousnesse. Act.22.16. Act 8.36. Mat.3.11. Act.2.38. 1.Iohn. 1.7. Ephe.1.7. Heb.10.22. 1.Pet.3.21. Rom. 6.4.6. Tit.2.5. 1. Cor 11.23. 24.25.

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Answere

The forgiuenesse of my sinnes, and my Math.26.2. Luk.22.19.

1.Cor.11. my ſpirituall nouriſhment: for by the breaking of the breade, I am aſſured of the breaking & ſuffering of Chriſts body vpon the Croſſe: and by the pouring forth of the wine, ỹ ſhedding of his bloude, euen to the death: and by the diſtributing to all that are preſent, I am aſſured of Chriſtes communicating himſelfe vnto all thoſe that will faithfully receiue him: & by eating and drinking, I am aſſured that as breade and wine doe nouriſhe my body in this life, ſo Chriſtes body and bloude doth nouriſhe my ſoule to life euerla7ing: and as I am aſſured that the ſubſtaunce of bread and wine by digeſtion, palleth into the ſubſtaunce of my bodie, euen ſo by fayth Chriſt and I are vnited with an vnſpeakable vnion, and I made fleſhe of his fleſhe and bones of his bones: and alſo mutuall members one of another.

Mat.16.26.
Iohn 6.55. 56.
1 Cor.10.16.
Iohn.34.
Iohn.15 4
1.Cor.1.30.
Ephe.3.17.
1 Cor.10.16.
Epheſ 5.30.
1.Cor.10.17

Queſtion

What doth the holy Ghoſt aſſure you of in prayer?

Anſwere

That

That whatsoeuer I aske of God the father in the name of his sonne Iesus Christ according to his will, hee will graunt it to me. John. 16.23 John. 14.13 14. 1. Iohn. 5.14 Iam. 1.6.

Question

What say you concerning the duties you owe vnto God for your deliueraunce and all other his benefites?

Answere

First, that I be thankefull: secondly that I worshippe, serue and obey him (according to his worde) all the daies of my life. Psal. 50.14 Psal. 34 1. & 92. 1. Mat. 4.10. Iohn. 4.24. Luk. 1.74.

Question.

Can you do these thinges of your selfe?

Answere

No verely, but I praye for Grace, that I may doe them according to the will of God. 2 Cor. 3.5.

Question

VVill you then bee diligent to heare and learne the worde, to vse the Sacraments, to frequent praier, and increase and go forward in the excercise of Christian religion, vntil you

you haue made the manne of God perfect in Christ Iesu, your Sauiour and deliuerer?

Answere

Col. 1.10.18. Col. 3 16. Yea, by Gods grace.

In so doing, I as the Minister of God, receiue you to the holye communion, & Seale vnto you the mercies of God, by the authority of his word to your euerlasting comfort in Christ Iesus, Amen.

An exhortation.

I (Desiring your profit, & glad would bee to see the fruites of my laboures) cannot but of very loue and duetie praye you, not onely to take this my labour in good part, but also I exhort you in the Lord to vse it aright, least it

it be a witnes againſt you in the laſt day of the great iudgemēt. Now the God of all glory, and power, who hath begunne his good worke amongeſt vs: Increaſe, continue, and ende the ſame to his glory, and our euerlaſting comfort in Chriſt Ieſu, Amen.

Yours alwayes to commaund in the Lorde. O. R.

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